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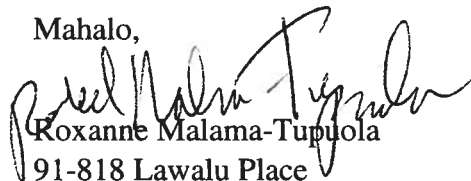
Subject: Response to FCC orders on Sandwich Isles Communications,
WC Docket no. 10-90

Aloha FCC Commissioners,

My name is Roxanne Malama-Tupuola and I have over 20 years of working experience with native Hawaiian rural homestead communities. Specifically with mothers and youth as it relates to access to health care, health technology and medications. Before the Department of Hawaiian Homes Land (DHHL) decided to partner with Sandwich Isles Communications (SIC) many of my clients had to go to the public library in order to utilize computers and access the many programs to better their living conditions.

I have witnessed the positive impact access to technology has had on these communities. More than 20 years ago the DHHL sought a private-public partnership in which a private company would build the telecommunications network for its residents at no cost to the DHHL or its residents in remote rural areas. SIC built the telecommunications infrastructure so that the unserved and the underserved residents of DHHL could have access to state-of-the art telecommunications services. I support SIC as it has made possible our being able to take advantage of educational and job opportunities and to improve our health, safety and economic well-being.

Mahalo,



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